



*The school comes to the bedridden child*

### *Educational Program*

Many children have been able, with the help of two full-time teachers, to keep up with their regular grade requirements. The pupils who were unable to come to the classroom, even in wheel chairs, have been given individual bedside instruction in proportion to their strength.

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*The Convalescent Home*

*of*  
The Children's Hospital  
Forest Street, Wellesley Hills

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Safe exercise on the jungle gym

### The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital

#### BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1939

ASSETS			
CASH IN BANKS:			
Treasurer .....	\$ 18,822.73		
Assistant Treasurer .....	3,335.23	\$ 22,157.96	
GENERAL INVESTMENTS:			
Securities (market value \$423,000) .....		467,021.91	
CHARLES TIDD BAKER FUND ASSETS:			
Securities .....	20,653.88		
Uninvested cash .....	1,169.50	21,823.38	
Land, buildings and equipment .....		268,415.52	
Prepaid insurance .....		1,487.60	
		<u>\$780,906.37</u>	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable .....	\$ 2,030.07		
Donations for special purposes - unexpended .....		372.61	
ENDOWMENT AND GENERAL FUNDS:			
General Fund .....	\$216,267.97		
Endowment funds:			
Charles Tidd Baker Fund \$21,823.38			
Others .....	271,996.82	293,820.20	510,088.17
Building and Equipment Fund .....		268,415.52	
		<u>\$780,906.37</u>	

#### GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 1939

Balance January 1, 1939 .....		\$228,741.24	
Add:			
Estate of Alice Cheney Baltzell .....	\$ 5,000.00		
Estate of Jennie Milliken Alden, final distribution .....	295.98		
Estate of Mary Frances Drown, final distribution .....	2.27		
Unapportioned gain from sales of general investments for the year ended December 31, 1939 .....	1,709.62	7,007.87	
		235,749.11	
Deduct deficit for the year ended December 31, 1939 .....		19,481.14	
Balance December 31, 1939 .....		<u>\$216,267.97</u>	

Board of Managers,  
The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital,  
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

We have examined the balance sheet of The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital as at December 31, 1939 and the statements of income and expense and general and endowment funds for the year then ended, have reviewed the accounting procedures of the Home and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the Home and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In accordance with the previous practice, no provision has been made for depreciation of buildings and equipment.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and related statements of income and expense and general and endowment funds present fairly the position of The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital as at December 31, 1939 and the results of its operations for the fiscal year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

LYBRAND, ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY

Boston, Massachusetts  
February 3, 1940

### The Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Year Ended December 31, 1939

INCOME:		
Collections from patients .....	\$ 6,408.81	
Nursemaid fees .....	1,108.00	
Ambulance .....	780.00	
Subscriptions:		
General .....	\$ 636.37	
Benefit performance of the Skating Club of Boston .....	1,000.00	
Dean Foundation for Care of Children .....	500.00	
Wellesley College Service Fund .....	125.00	
Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund .....	939.29	
Community Federation of Boston .....	29,055.00	32,255.66
Income from investments .....		21,869.12
Miscellaneous .....		5.00
Total income .....		<u>62,426.59</u>

EXPENSES:		
Administrative .....	5,057.49	
Dietary department:		
Food .....	16,184.17	
Other expenses .....	3,421.19	
Housekeeping department:		
Clothing and linen .....	1,512.52	
Other expenses .....	6,476.30	
Laundry (including laundry equipment \$983.25) .....	4,582.40	
Heat, light, power and water .....	11,816.53	
Maintenance and repair (including cost of gas range, \$1,042.00, installed) .....	7,504.01	
Motor service .....	2,154.90	
Medical and surgical service .....	5,458.94	
Nursing service and education .....	10,877.12	
Social service .....	1,500.00	
State Street Trust Company agency fee .....	442.38	
Publicity .....	1,432.57	
Auditing .....	250.00	
Insurance .....	1,803.50	
Treasurer's office expense .....	368.71	
Miscellaneous .....	65.00	
Total operating expenses .....	80,907.73	
Architects' fee in connection with plans for infants' ward and nurses' dormitory and for future development .....	1,000.00	81,907.73
Deficit for year .....		<u>\$ 19,481.14</u>

#### ENDOWMENT FUNDS

December 31, 1939

Ann Blake Shaw .....	\$ 96,956.56	
Amy Peabody .....	50,000.00	
Harriet Otis Craft .....	20,000.00	
Charles Tidd Baker .....	21,823.38	
Adele Thayer .....	15,540.26	
Henry Clay Jackson .....	20,000.00	
Katherine E. Silsbee .....	10,000.00	
Cornelia A. G. Winthrop .....	10,000.00	
Robert Charles Billings .....	7,500.00	
Costello C. Converse .....	5,000.00	
Waldo E. Pratt .....	5,000.00	
Henry Saltonstall .....	2,500.00	
Ellen M. Gifford .....	2,000.00	
Andrew C. Slater .....	2,000.00	
Mrs. F. Gordon Dexter .....	1,000.00	
The Memorial Bed Fund .....	24,500.00	
	<u>\$293,820.20</u>	

#### CHANGES IN ENDOWMENT FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 1939

Balance January 1, 1939 .....	\$293,541.40	
Additions:		
CHARLES TIDD BAKER FUND:		
One-half income added to principal .....	278.80	
Balance December 31, 1939 .....	<u>\$293,820.20</u>	

### Report of the Visiting Physician

Improvement is being made in the care of the children at the Home. Lack of speed in achieving our objectives is discouraging at times, but a review of accomplishment encourages us to go on. We must continually make adjustments and changes to keep up with the swiftly moving advance of medical science. The problem of caring for convalescents is not a static one, and the responsibility is very broad. We have a varied group of patients; we must cooperate with the hospitals referring the children, guide each in his recovery, treat his disability, and it is very important, of course, to equip many of our patients to meet life despite a handicap. We should also help the family to handle in the best possible way those situations which the child's illness has brought about.

The greatest problem in the medical care of the convalescent is to prevent the spread of respiratory infections. As yet no great advance toward solving this problem has been made. Careful examination of new arrivals, keeping our patients in as small groups as possible, and strict isolation of suspects all help; but the results of respiratory diseases in our Home are far more serious than all the so-called "contagious diseases" of childhood combined. We need not only more space but re-arrangement of existing space to help control these outbreaks.

HENRY E. GALLUP, M. D.

### Sources of Admission

1939	
BOSTON	
The Children's Hospital	Massachusetts General Hospital
Infants' Hospital	Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
Boston Dispensary	Massachusetts Memorial Hospital
Boston Floating Hospital	New England Hospital
Boston City Hospital	for Women and Children
	Beth Israel Hospital

#### OTHER CITIES

The Avon Home, Cambridge	Quincy City Hospital
Cambridge Hospital	Quincy Infirmary
Cambridge City Hospital	Salem Hospital
Lexington Public Health	Salem Babies Hospital
Newton Hospital	Somerville Hospital
Pittsfield Hospital	Private Doctors



Members of the Wellesley Junior Service League help with occupational therapy



## *The Convalescent Home* of *The Children's Hospital*

### GENERAL SERVICE

A total of 533 patients received treatment during 1939. There has been an increase in medical service, while the orthopedic and surgical services remain approximately the same.

### RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

An innovation that has brought a great deal of happiness to the children is the daily program of informal recreation started by our recreational director. Small patients in the main building have enjoyed active and passive games, songs, finger plays, a rhythm band, and story telling in small and large groups. The quiet period of relaxation before supper when the children read or listen to the Victrola records is another welcome feature. For the nursery maids, also, recreational evenings every other week have helped preserve an *esprit de corps* in our rather isolated country location.

### SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

To insure a happy adjustment of the patient to his home life after leaving the hospital, 213 children were referred to the Social Service Department in the belief

that information about a child's environment is an indispensable part of medical care.

The present financial condition of many patients' families has made necessary a great deal of social case work. The incomes of the majority are so inadequate that medical recommendations cannot be carried out without help from public and private relief agencies. Through the generosity of a friend a social service fund was established last year to meet emergency needs. Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas baskets, clothing, and layettes have been given to the needy families of many of the patients.

### PHYSIOTHERAPY AND DENTAL CLINIC

Increased attention has been given to posture work and special treatments for asthmatic patients. During the year 714 posture treatments, 1,427 physiotherapy treatments, and 66 asthma treatments were given. Dental care was provided free to all patients who needed attention.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Children are occupied one hour a day cutting out, pasting and painting pictures, designing boxes, knitting, making simple baskets, and weaving mats. This work is directed by an occupational therapist assisted by 30

members of the Wellesley Junior Service League and other volunteers, who prepare materials for easy handling, and help the children at the bedside.


### NURSERY MAIDS COURSE

Thirty young women are now in training in the one-year nursery maids course. While the principal aim of the course is to provide the best possible care for the children, from infancy to twelve years of age, the students are prepared for positions outside the Home by a short course in psychology and instruction in cooking and sewing, with special attention to the care and feeding of infants. Management of older children is taught by observation in the schoolroom and through the occupational therapy class.

## *The Purpose of the Home*

The purpose of the Home is to give necessary convalescent care to children when acute illness is over and home conditions are inadequate. Patients who are able, pay a nominal sum, but two-thirds are treated free.

The Home is a separate organization, receives no financial assistance from the Children's Hospital, and is a member of the Community Federation of Boston.



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